

An aerial photograph of the Concord-Alewife area, showing a mix of residential neighborhoods, commercial buildings, parking lots, and green spaces. A large body of water is visible in the upper right corner. The text is overlaid on this image.

# Concord-Alewife Planning Study

## Public Meeting

June 7, 2003

Developing a Vision for Concord-Alewife

# Agenda

## 9:30 Presentation:

- What we've heard
- Transportation
- Stormwater
- Existing zoning
- Emerging development principles
- Conceptual approaches under discussion

## 10:00 Small group workshops: Developing a vision for Concord-Alewife

## 11:45 Reporting back

## 12:15 Next steps

# Where we are



Feb 12	Introductions and Mental Mapping
Mar 12	Identifying Planning Goals
Mar 27	Identifying Planning Goals: Discussion and Workshops
April 24	Review of Public Meeting and Emerging Development Principles
May 17	Bus Tour of the Study Area
May 29	Establishing Transportation Principles
June 7	Public Meeting - Developing a Vision for Concord-Alewife

# What we learned

- Protect neighborhoods – traffic, land use, edges
- Limit traffic generation
- Focus on community building – housing, parks, retail
- Address flooding & stormwater issues
- Next generation of buildings in a people-friendly character
- Explore new opportunities at the shopping centers

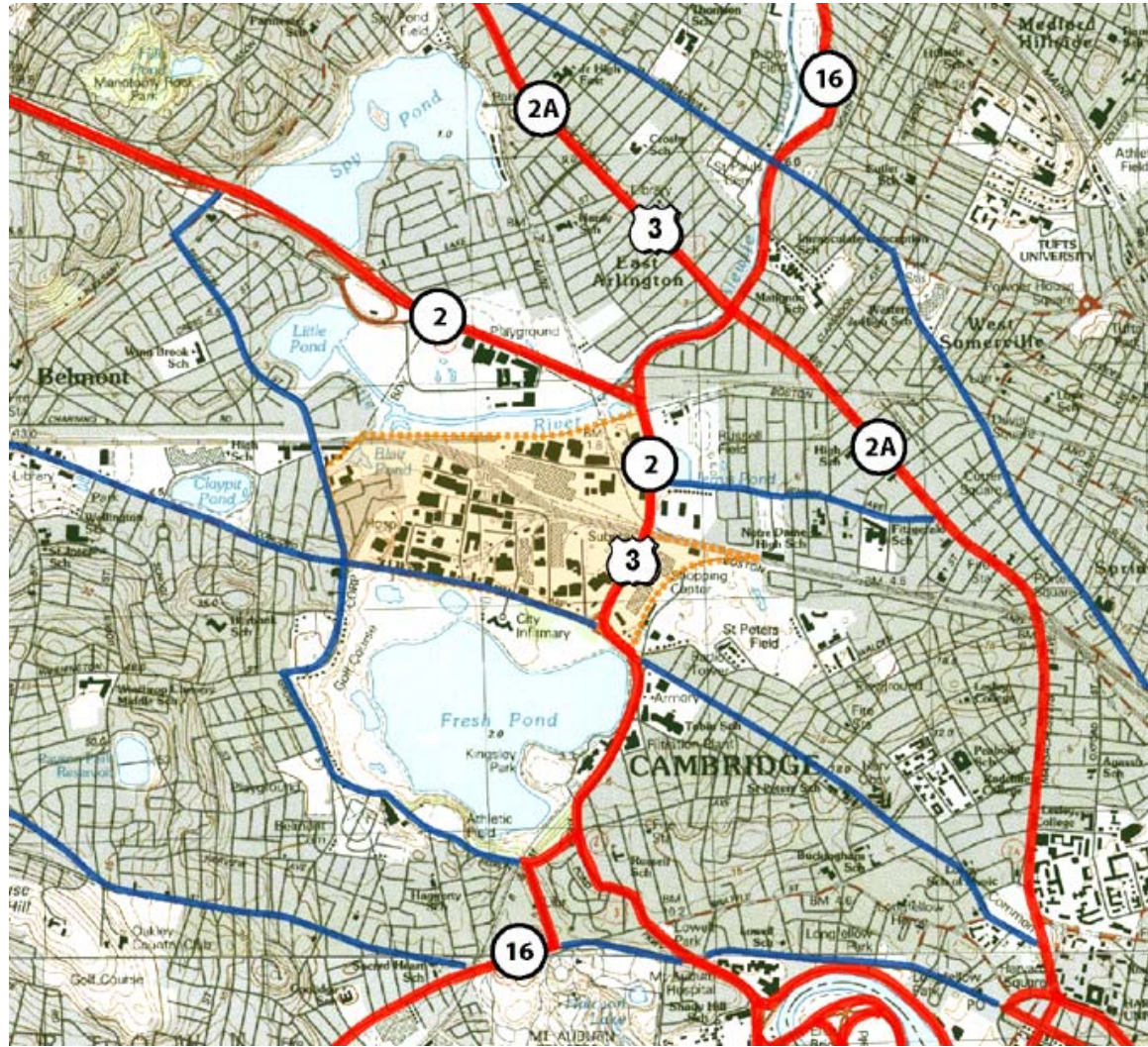


# Transportation Concerns Heard

- Traffic congestion, especially on Parkways.
- Short-cut traffic (e.g. Blanchard Road).
- Traffic speed, especially off-peak.
- Truck traffic.
- Pedestrian and bicycle safety.
- Limited transit access.
- Barriers to movement/missing linkages.

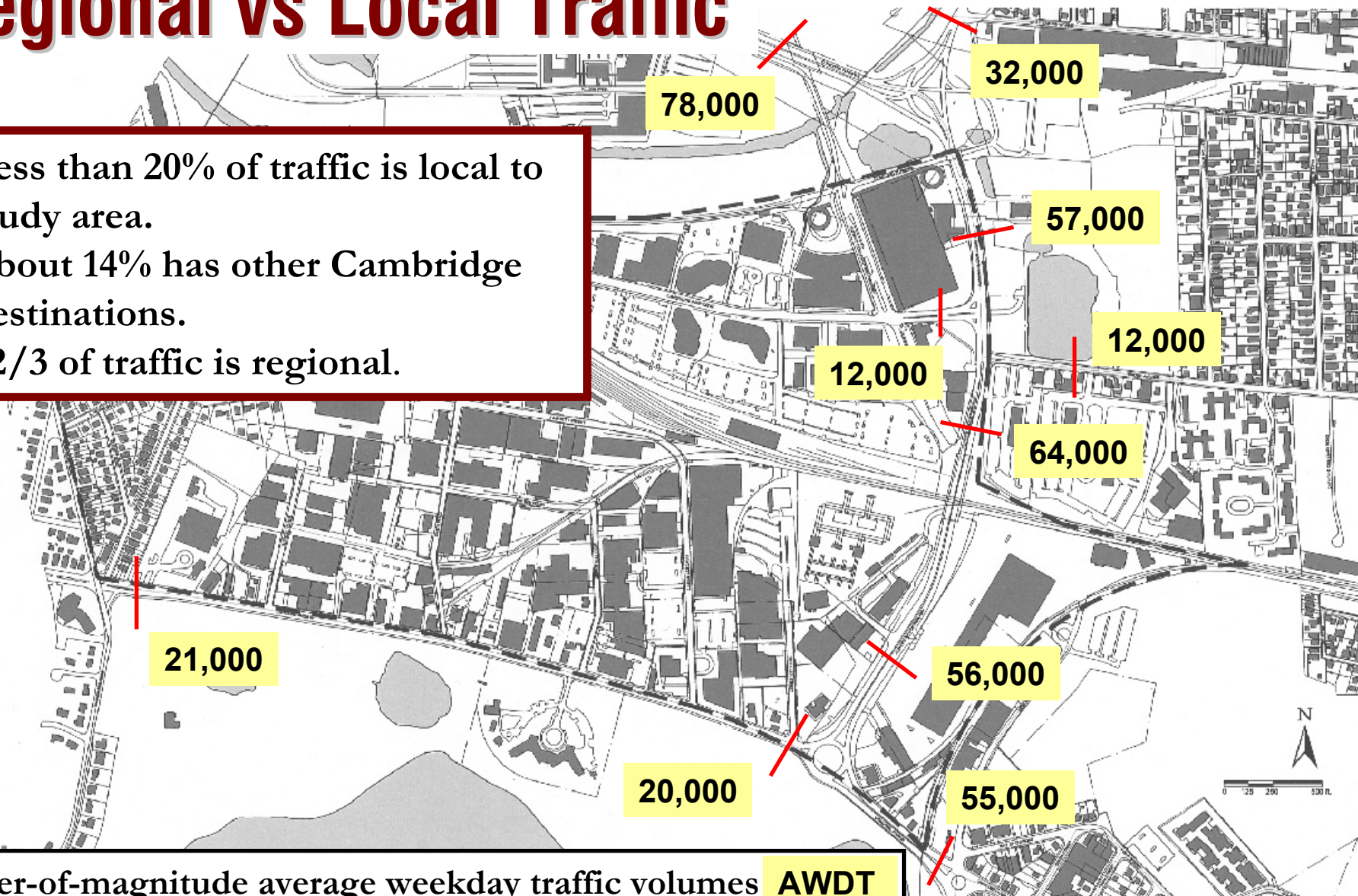
# The Regional Roadway Context

- Regional traffic vs. local traffic.
- Study area is a small piece of the region.
- Difficult to influence regional traffic.
- Auto access to the Study Area itself.



# Regional vs Local Traffic

- Less than 20% of traffic is local to study area.
- About 14% has other Cambridge destinations.
- 2/3 of traffic is regional.



# Peak Hour Roadway Operations

- AM/PM peak hour level of service (LOS)
- *What's a level of service?*

